

**DECRIES THE POSSIBILITY OF  
PUNISHING LYNCHERS IN HIS STATE**

**JUSTIFIES THE MOB IN DEALING OUT SUMMARY PUNISHMENT  
AND SUGGESTS EDUCATION OF THE NEGRO AS THE  
REMEDY. SKILLADY ANSWERS.**

April 10, 1912.  
Hon. Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Tallahassee, Florida.  
Sir:  
I have yours of the 18th, in-acknowledgment reply and criticism of my telegram of the 15th.  
First, I wish to commend the attempts made by you to safeguard the prisoner at Milton. May I make it clear in the telegram addressed to

you we are not directing criticism against you as an individual but am speaking to you in your representative character as Governor of the State of Florida. Do you not think that when you ordered the Sheriff of Pensacola to take his prisoner to

Montgomery in order to have him sent down to Jacksonville for safekeeping, Sheriff Harvel should have known, as an experienced and responsible officer of the State, the mind of the citizenship of whom you speak, your fellow citizens would have agreed with this officer's effort to protect any prisoner, and of the few other brave officers of the law who warrants the belief that mobs which form in violation of the law will not attempt to carry out their purpose if they are met by the brave officers on the part of officers of the law who realize the meaning of their oath and are determined that prisoners who shall be tried in the courts and not

Four assertion that the citizenship of Florida will not stand for seeing men who ravish white women tried in the courts is a serious commentary on our laws. Burning to death is so horrible that we can hardly believe, if we did not read your own words, that Lou as Governor of a great state and it possible to apologize for burning at the stake. This

Association does not apologise for crime or condone it in any way. Your gratuitous assumption that I personally "tacitly commend the crime" committed is absolutely unwarranted. In order to protest against the burn-

Paris while he is endeavoring to promote the peace of the world.

All the arguments you make about the horror of the crime do not touch the other—the man was only accused of shooting a watchman, a crime which, certainly, is easy to punish in the courts.

Speaking of educating you say

gest that our Association spend time teaching wanton, reckless Negroes. May I remark that as Governor of the State, you yourself take up the task of providing proportionate school facilities for the education of Negroes in your state. According to the report of the United States

to the report of the United States Bureau of Education on Negro Education the relative per capita expenditure in Florida are: teaching white children, \$11.50 and for Colored children, \$2.64.

Incidentally, though it is not a point of importance, may I remark that I do not happen to be a Negro myself, as you seem to assume I 'brought out your letter.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) John R. Shillady, Secretary

said: "We were sent to France and we are here. You said we are going to Germany, and we are going."

When we reached the Rhine I had the pleasure of seeing the boys spend the same money in Germany, some of them buying things that they had

born father, Martin German, and with a Jewish accent. The spirit that prompted the boys to adopt the slogan of "Hill, Heen or Hobb" by Christmas was fulfilled, and won the spirit that won the war. That same spirit prevails today in fighting for justice in civil life."

**Negro Block in Birmingham Burns; Loss \$50,000.**

(The Associated Negro Press.) Birmingham, Ala., April 10.—A Saturday night incendiary burning at Beasler here caused the loss of more than \$50,000. The majority of the houses were owned by Negroes. The cause is unknown.